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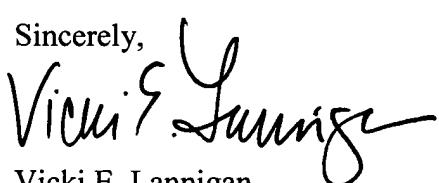
Re: U.S. Patent Application for **Tympanic Thermometer Probe Cover**
Serial No.: 10/538,314
Date Filed: June 13, 2005
Our File: M-1103

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Statement under CFR 1.97 (b).

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Respectfully submitted,

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